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(B) USUN 716 (REPEATED TO HONG KONG, PEKING AND ALGIERS)

1. JAPAN MISSION MINISTER OHTAKA TOLD MISOFF MARCH 8 THAT, JUST AFTER ASIAN REGIONAL GROUP MEETING THAT MORNING, HE HAD BRIEF EXCHANGE WITH CHINESE FIRST SECRETARY TANG HSING-PO ABOUT SPECIAL SESSION. AS CASUALLY AS HE COULD, OHTAKA ASKED TANG IF TANG EXPECTED KHMER CREDENTIALS ISSUE WOULD COME UP. TANG, WITH APPARENT CONFIDENCE, RESPONDED: "I DON'T THINK SO." OHTAKA SAID CONVERSATION RETURNED, BEFORE THEY PARTED, TO SAME QUESTION, AND TANG CONFIRMED WHAT HE HAD SAID AT OUTSET.

2. ALTHOUGH TANG'S STATEMENT WAS NOT CATEGORICAL, WE SHARE JAPANESE INTERPRETATION THAT STATEMENT DOES REFLECT AT LEAST A CONSIDERED CHINESE MISSION ESTIMATE ABOUT KHMER ISSUE CONFIDENTIAL

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AND MAY WELL REFLECT CONCLUSION REACHED BY CHINESE IN CON-

SULTATION WITH SENEGAL AND OTHER NON-ALIGNED. THIS CHINESE COMMENT IS, OF COURSE, CONSISTENT WITH ALGERIAN POSITION REFLECTED IN RAHAL-SCALI CONVERSATION AND IN RAHAL'S CONVERSATION WITH IRANIAN AMB HOVEYDA. (HOVEYDA TOLD AMB BENNETT MARCH 8 THAT RAHAL, WHILE INDICATING KHMER WOULD BE NO PROBLEM AT SPECIAL SESSION, HAD ALSO SAID HE WOULD BE IN FOREFRONT OF CREDENTIALS ISSUE AT 29TH GA.) BENNETT

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